☐ DESIGN ☒ UTILITY PATENT

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NOTIFICATION OF LOSS OF ENTITLEMENT TO SMALL ENTITY STATUS (37 C.F.R. § 1.27(g)(2))

Note: Notification of loss of entitlement to small entity status is required when issue and maintenance fees are due. Notification of a loss of entitlement to small entity status must be filed in the application or patent prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity as defined in paragraph (a) of this section is no longer appropriate. The notification that small entity is no longer appropriate must be signed by a party identified in § 1.33(b). Payment of a fee in other than the small entity amount is not sufficient notification that small entity status is no longer appropriate.

1. Applicant asserted small entity status in this application on October 7, 2003

   ☒ payment of the basic ☒ filing ☐ national fee as a small entity (37 C.F.R. § 1.27(c)(3))

   ☐ submission of a written assertion of small entity status (37 C.F.R. § 1.27(c)(1))

2. Applicant hereby notifies the Office, in accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.27(g)(2), that it no longer has status as a small entity.

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